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**ANCHORAGE MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS FOR DEALING METHAMPHETAMINE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, September 28, 2007, that Somphet Lavivong, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 24 months in prison for his conviction of distribution of controlled substances, namely methamphetamine.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Lavivong, age 32, of 4406 Parsons Avenue in Anchorage .

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Christine M. Thoreson, Lavivong distributed a total amount of sixteen grams of methamphetamine over the course of four separate occasions in February 2007.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Burgess stated that methamphetamine has a devastating impact on those who use it.

Mr. Cohen commended the Anchorage Police Department Drug Enforcement Unit and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Lavivong. SAUSA Thoreson is one of two prosecutors in the United States Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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